Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

a first determination unit configured to determine whether or not application software, which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;

a first calculation ~~means for calculating~~ unit configured to calculate a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using the selected application software, ~~which is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation~~ in accordance with determination by said first determination unit;

a second determination unit configured to determine whether or not an output device, which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting object;

a second calculation ~~means for calculating~~ unit configured to calculate a device charge for using ~~an~~ the selected output device, ~~which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or edited by the application software~~ in accordance with determination by said second determination unit; and

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a third calculation ~~means for calculating~~ <u>unit configured to calculate</u> a total

charge of a data output process based on the respective charges calculated by said first and

second calculation ~~means~~ <u>unit</u>.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the application

software creates and/or edits document data.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

<u>a first determination unit configured to determine whether or not a device,</u>

<u>which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object,</u>

<u>wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;</u>

a first calculation ~~means for calculating~~ <u>unit configured to calculate</u> a device

charge for using a <u>the selected</u> device ~~for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is~~

~~used by a user via a network~~ <u>in accordance with determination by said first determination</u>

<u>unit;</u>

<u>a second determination unit configured to determine whether or not application</u>

<u>software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;</u>

a second calculation ~~means for calculating~~ <u>unit configured to calculate</u> a

software charge for using <u>the</u> application software ~~used to use the device via the network~~ <u>in</u>

<u>accordance with determination by said second determination unit;</u> and

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a third calculation ~~means for calculating~~ unit configured to a data processing

charge of the selected device using the application software based on the respective charges

calculated by said first and second calculation ~~means~~ units.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is

stored in said charge calculation apparatus.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is

provided through a network.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not application software,

which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a

network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application

software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network:

a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a

predetermined process by using the selected application software, ~~which is used to create~~

~~and/or edit data by a user operation~~ in accordance with determination in said first

determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not an output device,

which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created

and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting

object:

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a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using ~~an~~ the

~~selected~~ output device, ~~which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or~~

~~edited by the application software~~ in accordance with determination in said determination

step; and

a third calculation step of calculating a total charge of a data output process

based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the application

software creates and/or edits document data.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not a device, which is

selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object, wherein

the selected device is used by a user via a network;

a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using ~~a~~ the selected

device ~~for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network~~ in

accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not application

software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;

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a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using <u>the</u> application software ~~used to use the device via the network~~ <u>in accordance with determination in said second determination step</u>; and

a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the <u>selected</u> device using the application software based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is stored in a computer.

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

<u>a code of a first determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;</u>

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using <u>the selected</u> application software, ~~which is used~~

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~~to create and/or edit data by a user operation~~ <u>in accordance with determination in said first</u>

<u>determination step;</u>

<u>a code of a second determination step of determining whether or not an output</u>

<u>device, which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data</u>

<u>created and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an</u>

<u>accounting object;</u>

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using ~~an~~

<u>the selected</u> output device, ~~which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or~~

~~edited by the application software~~ <u>in accordance with determination in said second</u>

<u>determination step;</u> and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a total charge of a data output

process based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium which stores program

codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

<u>a code of a first determination step of determining whether or not a device,</u>

<u>which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object,</u>

<u>wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;</u>

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using ~~a~~ <u>the</u>

selected device ~~for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a~~

~~network~~ <u>in accordance with determination in said first determination step;</u>

<u>a second determination step of determining whether or not application</u>

<u>software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;</u>

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a code of a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using

the application software ~~used to use the device via the network~~ <u>in accordance with</u>

<u>determination in said second determination step</u>; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the

<u>selected</u> device using the application software based on the respective charges calculated in

said first and second calculation step.

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